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Recommending a Strategy

Use "alternative financing" to upgrade facilities

Develop a plan for selecting target buildings

Plan for operation in a "deregulated" environment

Reduce energy consumption and utility expense by advanced metering technology

Vision Statement

- Improved buildings, energy efficiency, and lower operation costs while strategically positioning agency
- Lower utility costs

Goal and Objective

- To supplement the agency budget
- To advance government policy goals and agency business objectives
- To conserve energy and preserve the environment

Today's Situation

- Agency is under funded and buildings are aging
- The Utility industry is changing with deregulation
- Natural gas and electric power are becoming "commodities" traded on exchanges
- The agency lack knowledge of utility industry and financial markets
- Power procurement is becoming increasingly important

How Did We Get Here?

- The Utility Company as a natural monopoly
- Business as usual
- The new economy and increased power requirements
- Environmental and other restraints
- Deregulation, restructuring and competition
- The convergence of energy/power, e-commerce and financial markets

Available Options

- Do nothing
- Acquire skills and work to manage the situation
- Energy Conservation
- Consultants, Power marketers/power procurement
- Self generation, co-generation and distributed generation
- Advantages & disadvantages of each
- Cost known and unknown
- Management of price risk

Recommendation

- Employ a variety of the available options based on agency situation
- Better knowledge of building load profiles and lower utility expense
- Start at the beginning- energy audits of buildings
- Implement Energy Conservation projects
- Implement advanced metering strategies
- Fuel switching, thermal load shifting and peak shaving
- Hedging and other tactics to manage price risk